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The Honorable Todd Apo, Chair and Members Honolulu City Council 530 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Re: Confirmation of Rix Maurer to the position of Director of Budget and Fiscal Services

Dear Chairman Apo and Members of the City Council:

My name is Evelyn J. "Evie" Black and I am currently serving as Vice Chair of the Queen's Health Systems ("QHS"), Chair of Governance for QHS and Board Member for the Queen's Medical Center ("QMC") and The Queen Emma Land Company (collectively "Queen's"). I am submitting this letter in support of the confirmation of Rix Maurer to the position of Director of Budget and Fiscal Services for the City & County of Honolulu.

For the past four years I have had the pleasure of working with Rix as a Board member at Queen's where Rix served in the position of QMC Vice President for Financial Services and Treasurer. I have also known Rix for about 10 years due to my association with the Pacific Club where I served as a member of the Board. Our family connection with Rix goes back over 25 years to my mother, Constance R. Black, who served as Chair of QMC for a number of years.

Rix is very approachable, kind, hard working, loyal and intelligent. He helped Queen's through some very difficult financial times. Rix is an extremely good negotiator when it comes to working with outside entities to get the "best deal" for the company he serves.

I am certain Rix will be an outstanding Director of Budget and Fiscal Services for the City & County of Honolulu. He will work tirelessly and selflessly to promote the best interests of the community. I, therefore, respectfully request that the City Council confirm Rix Maurer's appointment.

Sincerely,

Evelyn J. Black

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